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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Michigan Lawyer Blog: SCAO reveals new look to website

"...The Michigan judiciary unveiled a new look at its website, www.courts.mi.gov. The new site offers pretty much everything the old one did, but is designed to be better organized, said Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. in a press release."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Michigan State Courts' New Web Site Debuts Today; New site organizes content by audience, features better access and search tools

[Press release](#)

Michigan Supreme Court Hears First Oral Arguments of 2012-2013 Session; Two Medical Marihuana Cases, 10 Others to Be Heard Oct. 9-11

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Joseph Gentz to stand trial in Jane Bashara murder case

"... [Joseph] Gentz, who is charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy in the slaying of Grosse Pointe Park mother Jane Bashara, told [36th District Court] Chief Judge Kenneth King that he understood his right to have a preliminary examination."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Ex-Bashara handyman waives right to preliminary exam

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor.com: Judge rules Sylvan Township millage recount can move forward

"A judge ruled Wednesday that the Sylvan Township water and sewer debt millage recount will happen, the Chelsea Standard reported.... Circuit Court Judge Archie Brown ruled Wednesday that the recount would move forward within 21 days. The Washtenaw County director of elections told the Standard he was confident the recount could be completed next week."

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Jury gets murder case after juror collapses in courtroom

"A jury will begin this morning to deliberate in the murder trial of Robert Nelson after his defense attorney conceded his client is guilty of killing another man.... As [pathologist, Dr. Philip] Croft was discussing the injuries and using an autopsy photo displayed on a screen, one of the jurors slumped in his chair and others alerted Judge Conrad Sindt."

[Full story](#)

The Evening News/Sault Ste. Marie, MI: Judge Beth Gibson receives G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation

"Michigan's comprehensive jury reforms, and the Michigan trial court judges who tested them, are being honored along with the Michigan Supreme Court by the National Center for State Courts, the NCSC announced recently."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Shelby Township courthouse altercation suspects released

"A man and woman held by police following an altercation this week in 41A District Court were released Wednesday pending further investigation, authorities said. Shelby Township police completed their investigation and turned over their report to the Macomb County prosecutor for review."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: Brawl at court leads to man's Tasing, two arrests

[Full story](#)

The Michigan Lawyer Blog: MSC orders amendments to summary disposition, default judgment rules

"The Michigan Supreme Court approved a slew of court rule amendments on October 3. The amendments were made to MCR 3.979, MCR 2.116, MCR 2.603 and MCR 9.113(A)."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Amends Four Court Rules

[Full story](#)

The Michigan Lawyer Blog: DNA testing is ordered in Flint judge's paternity case

"An Oakland County judge has ordered DNA testing to determine whether Genesee County Circuit Judge Archie Hayman is the biological father of the children of a Flint attorney."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Mother of slain Ricky Holland fighting to regain custody of sixth child

"Seven years after her oldest son, Ricky Holland, was murdered by his adoptive parents, Ingham County resident Casey Caswell is fighting to regain custody of her sixth child.... Probate Judge George Economy said he'll be looking to see if the Caswells have housing and solid employment. Casey Caswell's other children have been adopted, while Matthew Jr. remains in foster care."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Legal system gets workout on road to ballot

"The November ballot in Michigan will be peppered with measures that endured legal tussles just to make it there, and some political observers say they can't remember an election where courts played such a major role."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Democrats eye three seats on Michigan Supreme Court

"Picking judges for the Michigan Supreme Court is at the top of the nonpartisan section of the Nov. 6 election ballot. In an oddity of politics, judicial races are nonpartisan but Michigan Supreme Court candidates are picked by political parties at their conventions."

[Full story](#)

Note: This article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Macomb Daily.